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Governor Hopeful Comes to Harrisonburg

Brian Moran speaks on extending healthcare for unmarried dependents

By MICHELLE HABEL
contributing writer

With the presidential campaign over and President Barack Obama settling into the White House, political campaigns had finally escaped the headlines; until now.

The Virginia Governor race is heating up and one candidate stopped by Harrisonburg to target young students about potential changes that could affect them.

In an event sponsored by the JMU College Democrats, Brian Moran came to downtown's Clementine Café to unveil his platform in the race to become the next governor of Virginia.

Moran is one of three Democrats in the

running. He is vying for the party nomination against Terry McAuliffe and Creigh Deeds. Republican Attorney General Robert F. McDonnell is the GOP's only candidate running for the position.

Moran focused attention on his goal to foster a "Healthy Virginia," proposing to enable all children to be insured, as well as extending healthcare plans for unmarried dependents.

According to Moran's Web site, though young adults are among the healthiest Virginians, nearly 27 percent of Virginians between the ages 19 and 34 are uninsured.

"Like [Moran] said, if we invest in young people, they'll be more successful in the future, which will also be better for the economy," said

David McKinney, junior and president of the JMU College Democrats. "I know a lot of young people who are in college, get out of college and don't have healthcare at all."

Moran's proposal to "cover every kid," would extend health coverage for young adults and unmarried dependents, from 19 to 26 years of age.

Moran proposes to extend coverage to young adults to the age of 26 in order to give them the opportunity to situate themselves in the real world and successfully obtain a job with an affordable and reliable healthcare plan.

"I think that's great because my parents have been, not necessarily threatening me, but warning

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Brian Moran spoke at Clementine Café on Tuesday, hoping to gain support for his candidacy.

Support for Death Penalty Waning

Cost-cutting prompts another look at policy

By AMY PASSARETTI
The Breeze

\$103 million.

This is the amount of money that the state of Virginia could have saved since 1976 by sentencing the 103 executed criminals to life in prison instead, according to a *New York Times* article from 2007, stating that the average cost of a capital punishment case is \$1 million.

Trials where the death penalty is sought cost on average three times more than those where it is not, according to a *New York Times* article from February.

Eight states, including Maryland, but not Virginia, have recently acknowledged this money-saving factor and have proposed bills to eliminate the death penalty during these tough economic times.

"If the state doesn't have to be trying people, they'd save that money," said JMU justice studies professor Scott Vollum, who pointed out the fact that many fence-sitters of the issue may be swayed by this motive.

Gov. Martin O'Malley has opposed the death penalty for religious reasons in the past, but has recently re-evaluated the financial burden death sentences carry. Maryland is considered by experts in the latter *New York Times* article to be one of the states with a strong possibility of passing the bill.

Virginia is ranked No. 2 in the nation, out of 36 states that have the death penalty, for the amount of criminals it has executed, but has not considered the option of eliminating it. Texas remains in a considerable lead, having executed 431 inmates since 1976.

Gov. Tim Kaine "was elected saying he would follow the people's will and this included upholding the use of the death penalty," Vollum said of Virginia's governor, who is actually opposed to capital punishment.

However, Kaine has, along with four other states, considered releasing non-violent offenders earlier than their sentence to reduce the cost of keeping them in prison, according to the February *New York Times* article.

Vollum feels that if the nation focused more spending toward programs for helping prisoners reintegrate into society, citizens would ultimately be saving money.

"We wouldn't have as many people returning to prison and costing us more money on that end," he said.

Junior Laura Sudec, a justice studies major, said that when discussing capital punishment with people, their main argument for having it is "why should we have to pay to keep a prisoner in jail?" However, when clarifying that they would actually be paying more to sentence them to death, "most people don't believe me; they're flabbergasted," she said.

Capital punishment cases are costly because trials tend to be longer and more recurring with multiple appeals and more lawyers and witnesses are often needed. There are also cases where prosecutors may seek the death penalty and use the resources to do so, but still end up with a

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Breeze Photo Contest Winner: KATIE BOWLES



'In the Shadow of Nature'

After a week of voting on our Web site, we took the top two favorite photos in our contest, themed "Shadows," and let a panel of three local experts decide the winner.

Sophomore Katie Bowles' picture, "In the Shadow of Nature," received 11 of 69 votes at breezejmu.org to beat freshman Tyler Bradshaw, who received eight votes. Bowles then received two of the three votes from our judges.

Evan Dyson, a former *Breeze* photo editor, complimented Bowles: "Utilizing a unique angle and high contrast, this image emphasizes the variety of tones within the shadows. The upward angle and human element provide visual interest beyond the run-of-the-mill perspective."

Pete Marovich, the photo editor at the *Daily News-Record* said, "I like how the angle and lines of the tree follow the gaze of the subject in the bot-

tom corner of the frame. The rough shadows of the bark on the tree are in stark contrast to the smooth features of the face. The photo, although simple, has nice depth."

Tommy Thompson, JMU photo-journalism professor, voted for the runner-up Bradshaw and his photo "Stairs," because, "The dramatic use of the low sun casting the shadows from the rail and the steps makes this a very interesting use of lines and light. The use of the shadows at the beginning and end of the photo keeps the eyes within the photo, and the bright sunlight on the wall with the shadows adds a feel of warmth."

See all of the photos that were submitted by visiting our Web site and submit your own snapshots to our next contest, themed "Spring Break."

Deadline for submitting photos is March 21.



Katie Bowles

Mexico Warning Unheeded

By KATIE THISDELL
The Breeze

After months of planning and spending more than \$1,700, sophomore Meetra Najrabi isn't about to cancel her Spring Break trip to Mexico.

Not even after the U.S. State Department issued an alert on Feb. 20 warning travelers of increasing violence in the country.

"It's definitely scary," said Najrabi, a biology major. "No one wants to go to a country that currently has an alert by the government. But I'm not going to cancel my trip just for that. I'm going to be optimistic about it."

Mark Warner, JMU's senior vice president for student affairs, sent a mass e-mail Tuesday warning students about traveling to Mexico. He included the link for the government alert.

"You may want to consider changing your trip to a more safe destination," Warner wrote.

However, Najrabi is too excited about the trip — which is through International

“ The bottom line reason for sending the e-mail is that I'm concerned about their safety.

— MARK WARNER
VP for Student Affairs

Service Learning — to worry. The members of her group will provide medical services with one of ISL's licensed physicians. They will stay in Jaumave, a city five hours south of the border.

Each day, they will travel to villages, which Najrabi said are far from the larger, violent cities and the border. Najrabi added that she is taking precautions such as registering with the U.S. Embassy for worst-case scenarios.

According to the State Department's Web site, "It is imperative that travelers understand the risks of traveling to Mexico, how best to avoid dangerous situations and whom to contact if one becomes a crime victim. Common sense precautions such as visiting only legitimate business and tourist areas during daylight hours, and avoiding areas where prostitution and drug dealing might occur, can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable."

The greatest increase in violence has been near the border, but has also spiked throughout the country. This is because Mexican drug cartels have been trying to overtake narcotics trafficking routes on the border of Mexico and the United States. Mexico has deployed police and army troops to try to contest the increasing crime that has hit many popular cities in Mexico, like Tijuana, because of the drug raids.

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A ‘Folksy’ Advocate

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden amuses gathering for Fellowship of Christian Athletes fundraiser

By **MATTHEW McGOVERN**
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In addition to the 382 wins he’s piled up in coaching college football for more than 50 years, Bobby Bowden has taken an active role in something else: the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bowden, 79, spoke in front of about 350 people Tuesday night in the Festival Ballroom, as part of the FCA’s spring fundraising banquet. He captivated his audience for more than 40 minutes, telling stories that ranged from growing up in the Great Depression to having jobs handed to him after college.

He never had to apply for a job as an adult; colleges and universities always asked him to be their coach. It’s obvious why, and he proved it in his visit to Harrisonburg. The Florida State football coach is a motivator — and he plays to his strengths.

“He’s a very folksy person, and he’s going to use his personality to get across the message he wants to get across,” said Ken McNulty, a 68-year-old Harrisonburg resident and FSU alumnus.

Bowden’s tales were more banter than lecture, but his message was clear.

“You must remember, if anything I say, [it] is this: First base is Jesus. If you don’t touch Jesus, nothing else counts.”

The analogy was fitting for FCA, an organization that targets athletics as a

conduit for Christian messages, and it clearly resonated with his audience.

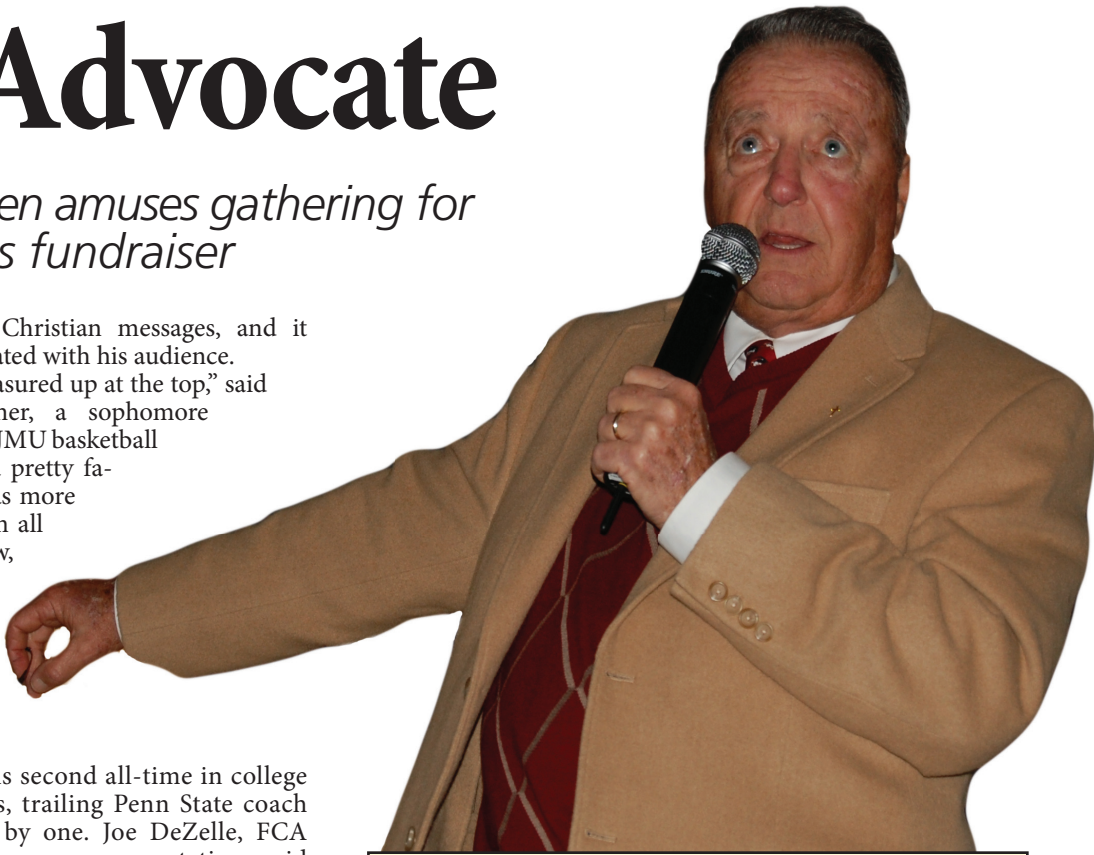
“This measured up at the top,” said Heiden Ratner, a sophomore guard on the JMU basketball team. “He’s a pretty famous guy, has more wins than ‘em all so, you know, he has a lot of credibility and his speech definitely matched up with that.”

Bowden is second all-time in college football wins, trailing Penn State coach Joe Paterno by one. Joe DeZelle, FCA Harrisonburg-area representative, said Bowden’s heavy involvement with the FCA was key in arranging the speech.

So DeZelle contacted some people who had him speak in the past.

JMU football coach Mickey Matthews introduced Bowden, who shares his Nov. 8 birthday. Before handing the floor to him, Matthews went on to mention his favorite Bowden-isms, and then offered high praise.

“The reason coach Bowden is a great man is not because of 382 wins and all these coaching awards that we can’t name,” Matthews said. “It’s because he has managed three things to keep ‘em in perspective, his faith, his family and his job.”



Mickey Matthews’ Favorite Bobby Bowden-isms

“Be careful what you emphasize because you are going to get it.”

“Well you know about retiring, when you retire there is only one big event left.”

photo by **DAVID CASTERLINE**/*The Breeze*

Former ROTC Professor Dead at 46

By **ERIK LANDERS**
The Breeze

Army ROTC is mourning the loss of Lt. Col. Jeffrey White, a former ROTC instructor, who died Sunday, three weeks after returning from Iraq at the age of 46.

White died of a burst aorta while attending church with his family in Texas. He was in Texas visiting his wife’s family.

“He was a faithful servant of God,” Lt. Col. Rodney Lusher said. “He was a man of strong convictions.”

White and Lusher attended the U.S. Military Academy together where they were both members of the pistol team.

White served as an assistant professor of military science at JMU from 2004 to 2007, where he impressed cadets with his broad range of knowledge.

“I had him sophomore year and he was a really smart guy,” senior Mary Cipperly said. “I was always stunned by how much he had to say. He always had something to say about what was going on in the world. He had a lot of knowledge to give us.”

Although knowledgeable about the career his cadets were about to embark on, White took the time to get to know his cadets outside of the classroom as well.

“He could identify with you on a more personal basis than just class time and just military stuff,” Cipperly said.

But White was not above pulling a few practical jokes to lighten the mood.

“He had this exquisite rubber mask of a monster with tentacles,” Lusher said. “When we would take cadets to Lake Shenandoah for canoeing, he would submerge himself in an obscure corner of the lake and then eerily swim out to the canoes to scare the cadets. Of course there were stories of the lake monster on the way out to the lake to get the cadets thinking about it. It was always a big laugh.”

White’s fun-loving nature did not escape more routine activities such as a classroom lecture or early morning physical training (PT) sessions.

“He would always tell jokes and cut off the other teacher in the room,” Cipperly said. “He would be the one talking the entire time. At PT he would be trucking the whole way, and he was a pretty big guy. He was always happy and always wanted to do his best during PT.”

Senior Daniel Garst was thoroughly impressed with White’s demeanor in every aspect of his life, whether it was his sense of humor or his attention to detail.

“He is probably one of the best guys I’ve ever known,” Garst said. “He inspired me to become a better military officer.”

White had several hobbies including drawing, painting, marksmanship and a love of history. He had such a love of history, particularly Civil War history, that he wore a Confederate uniform while on a trip with his cadets. But more than he loved history, he loved his family.

“He was an excellent family man,” Garst said. “He would bring his family into the department a lot and they would dress up in [the Army Combat Uniform] and stuff like that. He was all about the army and all about the military, but he loved his family.”

White leaves behind his wife Jocelyn, and three children, Jane, 12, Jeanine, 6, and Jedidiah, 4.

Lusher will always remember his longtime friend as a man who “loved God, his family, his country and the cadets.”

ROTC plans to remember White, but no arrangements have been made as of Wednesday.



WHITE

Converging on Capitol Hill

Powershift ‘09 ends with thousands protesting to shut down power plant

By **FORD PRIOR**
The Breeze

Blowing on his harmonica, JMU senior Nicholas Melas danced down the street toward the Capitol Power Plant in Washington, D.C.

Located just blocks from the Capitol, this coal-fired power plant was the target of the largest act of civil disobedience on global warming in U.S. history, according to Green Peace — an act in which Melas and seven other JMU students took part.

“It’s really symbolic, because we’re marching on the D.C. power plant that powers Congress,” JMU sophomore Brian Rapp said. The Capitol Power Plant provides coal-powered heating and cooling for the Capitol building.

The action against the Capitol Power Plant followed in the wake of Powershift ‘09, a climate change summit in Washington.

More than 2,500 protesters gathered to demand bold new climate change legislation from Congress and President Barack Obama — this includes cuts in carbon emissions, “green” job stimulation and renewable energy.

A small group of 15 pro-coal picketers stood outside the plant to respond to the environmental demonstration, some holding white “America needs Coal” signs.

After converging Monday afternoon at Spirit of Justice Park, a site located in eyesight of both the Capitol building and the coal plant that powers it, the protestors made their move.

Beating drums, blowing trumpets and waving banners of red, blue, yellow and green, the chanting marchers circled the plant. They blocked all five of its entrances, locking up the plant in hopes of forcing a shutdown for the day.

“It’s come to this,” JMU sophomore Wes McGrew said. “We’re marching in the streets. It’s this important.” Although the plant never shut down, protest organizers deemed the event a success.

About 12,000 attended Powershift, including 50 JMU students. After Sunday’s seminars and workshops, most of the JMU group traveled back for Monday morning classes — but eight stayed.

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— **WES MCGREW**
sophomore

government in some way, whether it be lobbying, civil disobedience or convergence,” Melas said Monday.

After a morning rally on the West Lawn — at which Powershift ‘09 organizers distributed green hard hats to symbolize “green” jobs and economy — the summit concluded as activists from across the country filed into congressional buildings to speak with their respective House and Senate leaders.

“It’s really encouraging to see these green

helmets all over the Capitol, in all these buildings,” senior Jeff Joyce said.

The JMU group met at noon for the first of three appointments with sixth District Rep. Bob Goodlatte and Virginia Sens. John Warner and Jim Webb.

Joyce, a sixth district native from Roanoke, was enthusiastic to discuss local concerns with his representative.

“I’m excited to meet with [Goodlatte]. I went to school with his son, Bobby. . . I know him personally,” said Joyce, as he waited outside the representative’s office.

Joyce’s expectations were realistic of the meetings with Goodlatte, Warner and Webb, three “fence-sitting” leaders not expected to lead any charge toward bold climate change legislation.

“I don’t think he’ll be our No. 1 champion,” Joyce said of Goodlatte, “but persistent and well-informed democratic representation is significant to push change.”

Six inches of snow overnight resulted in icy airport conditions and a two-hour delay of Congress, so many senators and representatives were unable to meet with Powershift ‘09 lobbyists.

On a street corner, however, legislative aides for Virginia Sens. Mark Warner and Jim Webb appeared to hear the concerns of the young Virginia lobbyists.

“Warner, and not so much Webb, was very supportive of what he had to say,” Joyce said.

But, Joyce was disappointed.

“It was a bit disorganized, being that we met on a street corner,” he said.

Nevertheless, Melas affirmed that regardless of outcome, presence and dialogue is a crucial element in any movement. Lobbying “is one of the first steps in trying to be a personal agent in change,” he said.



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DEATH PENALTY: Crime Prevention Rates Debated

Death Penalty, from front verdict of life in prison. According to a 2008 study by the Urban Institute (a nonpartisan public policy group), since 1976 only 35 percent of Maryland capital murder cases actually ended in death penalty decisions.

It also costs Maryland \$68,000 a year to keep inmates on death row, compared to \$38,140 a year for sentencing an inmate to life in prison without parole, according to the 2008 report by Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment.

Paul Stroup, junior history major, is a supporter of the death penalty, but feels the problem lies with bureaucracy when it comes to increased costs.

"I don't see why it should even be possible to cost more to kill someone than keep them alive in an overcrowded prison, and feeding them on taxpayer dollars for 70-some years," Stroup said, adding that if finances are the issue, then perhaps the solution is through fixing the appeals system and judicial review.

To counter increased costs of trials, counties sometimes reduce funding for highways and increase taxes, according to a report released in 2001 by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Another fundamental argument for death penalty advocates is deterrence; some feel the presence of the death penalty may prevent some crimes from occurring. Some studies have found this to be true. According to a 2007 *New York Times* article, "for every inmate put to death, three to 18 murders are prevented."

However, it is equally disputed that murder rates for non-death penalty states have remained lower than death penalty states since 1990, according to Death Penalty Information Center, a nonprofit organization centered in D.C. With a decreasing rate of overall death sentences in the U.S., it is difficult for some citizens to find a correlation between the two factors.

Some proponents also believe that

there are crimes so heinous, the only adequate punishment is death.

"Some people I would rather not have left on this Earth, I guess," Stroup said. "If you're going to have such disrespect for human life itself, why should you get to live?"

But those against capital punishment point to statistics of exonerated prisoners. According to DPIC, 130 death row inmates have been released since 1973 due to innocence, mental health issues or other matters of clemency.

Even though the majority of people over the last 30 years said that the death penalty was appropriate for someone who committed murder, according to Gallup Polls, a May 2006 Gallup Poll showed overall support for the death penalty has gone down by 15 percent since 1994. The same poll revealed nearly half would choose life in prison without parole over execution when given the option. But as public support for capital punishment continues to diminish, money still seems to be the leading factor.

Public support for the anti-death penalty bills "could put pressure on other states," said Angel Cregge, a senior justice studies major.

If more states propose a similar bill, there may be a trend of support that follows. More than half the countries in the world have abolished the death penalty and it is outlawed entirely in the European Union.

However, even some who are for the bill don't think money should be the determining factor.

"The context of what's going on is good for the intention but it puts a selfish impractical reaction on it," said Regas Scott, a senior justice studies major.

Vollum agrees and feels this shouldn't be the primary reason for making decisions on how to deal with crime.

"It make sense in the U.S.," Sudac said. "It would come down to cost."

Police Search for Suspect



courtesy of the HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Harrisonburg Police Department is investigating credit card fraud that occurred in two Harrisonburg stores on Jan. 27. The credit cards were obtained from a stolen wallet. Anyone with information about the suspect or his whereabouts is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050.

MEXICO: Warnings Not A Deterrent for Students

Mexico, from front

"Hopefully, [the e-mail] will cause some to be a little more careful during their trip," Warner said. "The bottom line reason for sending the e-mail is that I'm concerned about their safety."

Senior Joanna Brenner also is not worried about the travel warnings. She and her friends have been planning a cruise to Mexico since September. After staying in an all-inclusive resort last year, they wanted to go back. She doesn't want to give up her highly anticipated rainforest hike, cave tubing and luxurious cruise life.

"It doesn't really scare me that

much," said Brenner, a media arts and design major. "I know that bad things happen and they can happen to anybody, but I just don't think they'll happen to me."

The U.S. cruise ship will stop in Cozumel, Mexico and Belize, neither of which are named in the warnings.

"The violence isn't happening in the cities we're going to, and while I still realize it's unsafe, I've just been so excited about this trip," Brenner said. "And I'm going with people I'm close to so that makes me feel safe."

The JMU Office of International Programs does not have any programs located in Mexico.

MORAN: 200,000 Kids Lack Healthcare

Moran, from front

me recently, because I just turned 21, that when you turn 23 you get kicked off of your healthcare plan," junior Shannon Smith said. "There's no way I'm going to be able to have healthcare of my own because I'm planning to go to graduate school. So I think it would be really nice to have some extra time to get situated before getting kicked off your parent's healthcare plan."

Some students agree that extra time to establish themselves within the realm of the "real world" would be valuable.

"It would allow people to do maybe graduate school or volunteer with different things like the Peace Corps and things like that," junior Kevin Settle said.

But Moran's policy would essentially certify every child to be protected under a health insurance plan.

"No parent should ever have to sacrifice taking care of their child because they can't afford it," Moran said. "As a parent, I know there is no greater obligation than taking care of our kids."

According to Moran, 200,000 children in Virginia go without any health care.

"As governor, I don't want a parent to go to bed worrying whether or not their child becomes ill," Moran said. "It's a smart investment. Healthy kids grow up to be healthy, productive adults. When they have access to antibiotics and immunizations, they stay in school and learn, so it also becomes an education issue."

His opponents' healthcare plans are slightly different, but still hold similar concern for improving coverage in general.

Deeds' healthcare plan consists of better coverage for low-income families and senior citizens. McAuliffe's healthcare plan consists of creating universal coverage for everyone.

McDonnell, the Republican candidate is expected to roll out all of his policies in the coming months, according to his campaign.

The primaries will take place on June 9 to determine the major party candidates in the race to supersede Tim Kaine as the next governor of Virginia.

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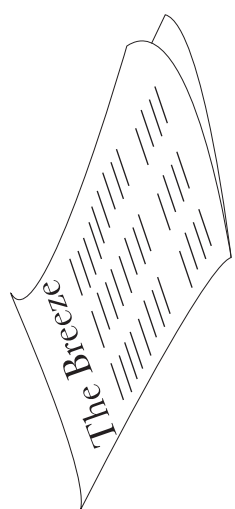
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EDITORIAL

Open Doors

LIMITING OUT-OF-STATE enrollment is a horrible idea.

Proposed by Virginia legislators, cutting out-of-state enrollment has been met with opposition from university presidents and our own governor, Tim Kaine. It would cut down on what diversity Virginia colleges do gain in accepting students from across the country (in practice, from the Eastern seaboard). It would cut into revenue, as everyone is familiar with the premium out-of-state students pay for higher education. This would come as the state faces a multi-billion dollar budget shortfall and hundreds of millions of dollars in possible cuts for higher education; we can't afford to short ourselves any less.

Comparison to other states is tricky, as well. *Richmond Times-Dispatch* columnist Jennifer McClellan noted in February that while North Carolina has a tight 18 percent out-of-state cap, it devotes \$3,710 more per student than Virginia does.

So why is this even being considered? If you read *The Washington Post's* Feb. 24 article ("Lawmakers Want to Limit Non-Va. College Students"), concerned Virginia parents appear to be the impetus for the legislation.

They have somewhat of a point. These are Virginia state schools, which receive state tax funds (although if you heed our governor, not enough funding). Taxpaying Virginia parents are angered when their qualified children are turned down from schools their money helps fund because of out-of-state students. That's understandable.

But they should also remember that out-of-state tuition, much higher than in-state, helps subsidize in-state students' tuition and keep it more affordable. And compared to private schools such as University of Richmond (85 percent out-of-state), the 30 percent out-of-state ratio maintained by most of our state schools is welcoming, but not counterproductive.

It would be worse to render higher education unaffordable to Virginia residents because of lost out-of-state revenue.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Causal Relationships on Violence Key in Policy Debate

In his Feb. 26 letter, Kyle Jacobs claims a causal relationship between gun ownership and the incidence of crime in America.

As a political scientist, one of the core ideas I teach my students is the difference between causation and correlation. Two variables, such as gun ownership and the frequency of crime, are causally related if — and only if — it can be shown that one factor directly causes the other. When two things are correlated they occur at the same time, although a change in one may have no effect on the other. It is quite common for people to assume a causal relationship when no such relationship has been shown or, in many cases, even exists.

Mr. Jacobs cites various "statistics" that show a correlation between gun ownership and crime. He then concludes without explanation that increased gun ownership causes a reduction in crime. His statistics show no such thing. Indeed, he never considers any other possible causes for reduction in crime. Yet studies demonstrate a close relationship between a strong economy and reduced crime. Other studies show a strong relationship between a population's age and crime; specifically, younger people commit a majority of crime, especially violent crime. As our nation's population slowly ages, that cohort is shrinking; and with it, it seems, so too is violent crime.

My point is not to argue that Mr. Jacob's assertion is necessarily false. Rather, my point is that Mr. Jacob's argument suffers from the kind of simplistic and faulty reasoning that too often informs public debate on critical public matters. If we are to improve the moral, physical and economic health of our nation we need to move beyond ideologically colored arguments and embrace policies that recognize the complex nature of our social ills.

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IN THE KNOW

The Great American Socialist Experiment

The title seems scary. Dare I say the "s" word? You thought communism, socialism and their affiliated -isms would have been kept in the abyss called the ash heap of history, as Ronald Reagan once said. Would you cringe at the thought of Lenin clapping his hands in his encased mausoleum? To be honest, I do miss the Cold War... at least when we studied it in history class.



JEFF
GENOTA

Gone are those days. The Cold War's over. But its legacy lives on. The demands levied upon the United States in the waning years and days of the Cold War spurred the current economic and political issues of today. Like the Europeans, we sleep like capitalists but we work like socialists. We demand our government the A-B-Cs like better health care (even with its rising costs), steering our financial institutions from further collapse (but \$50 million for the National Endowment for the Arts?), but yet as a center-right country we want less government, less taxes, less Washington. The whining goes on. Jon Meacham and Evan Thomas of *Newsweek* said in their own article two weeks ago "We Are All Socialists Now," that "in many ways our economy already resembles a European one. As boomers age and spending grows, we will become even more French."

Rename the French fries "freedom fries" again? Not really. Republicans are right to try to halt the recently passed, massive spending measures of the Obama administration just to heed their principles. Likewise, the Democrats stood behind theirs. However there's the oddball of the group — Republican governors and the few moderate GOP senators in support of the measures. They had to do so

because of political considerations — the mere fact that action and funding was needed in particular to the states and the requirement for states to balance their budgets. Take the large states like California and Florida: both are extremely critical to the community, but hold various constituencies that need a piece of the \$787-billion pie. So gone are the days where the political name games really matter. Since Ronald Reagan's presidency, the last 30 years have been an expansion of government, particularly in the services it provides for the people.

From tax cuts, education, welfare, foreign policy, military spending, etc., over the last 30 years the United States has seen the steady increase of demands placed on its shoulders. Now the symptoms of exhaustion and burnout are clear in the current economic crisis. It begs the question: Are the American people and its leaders hopelessly over-committed that the operating system of our country is so widely complex? Complex enough that folks like Bernie Madoff get away with their schemes? Too complex that simple Americans have to bear the extremely high cost of losing their home? There is a deeper problem that cannot merely be solved by trimming leaves but rather by examining the roots. If we believe in growth as the lifeblood of the unique American economy and experience, it also means growing up from the old mentalities and habits. Plants cannot grow if there are too many weeds involved. While we borrow the water that may run dry and dump it on a garden full of weeds and a stunted plant called the American economy, perhaps we might toy around with the socialist ways of being sent to re-education with the farmers to tender the flock and crops.

But then again, no one likes socialism.

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OUT OF THE DARK

For Newspapers, Beginning of The End

Quick, someone buy the *San Francisco Chronicle*! And I'm not talking about at the nearest newspaper stand.

The historic 144-year-old daily, the Bay area's oldest and largest newspaper, is on the verge of going bankrupt if it doesn't find a buyer or make some serious changes, including severely cutting its staff and resources and outsourcing its print job to Canada.

To those who haven't been following the drastic decline of print media, the *Chronicle's* plight may seem like its own breaking news story. But sadly this newspaper is not an anomaly among the "dinosaurs" that are being taken out by the enormous economic meteor that may just end print newspapers as we know them. Also contributing to the demise of print newspapers are crumbling advertisement revenue and an overall decline in

print readership.

The Hearst-owned (yes, American newspaper magnate William Randolph's namesake) *Chronicle* is the 12th-most read paper in the United States, serving the country's 14th largest city by population, according to an article from *The Independent* (read online — surprise, surprise).

If there is hardly a trickle of hope for a well known and widely circulated newspaper owned by a historically renowned chain, what does that say for the culture of print media as a whole?

It may be hard to understand this overwhelming trend that has haunted newspaper owners and workers for the past few months. As an aspiring journalist, I will do those in my future field a favor and cease my starry-eyed optimism. I am vastly aware that print media is a dying breed in the new age of reporter-written blogs, E-zines and online versions of print-turned-Web newspapers.

I know that many newspaper chains are on the verge of dying. I know that Tribune Company, owner of *Chicago Tribune* and *The Los*

Angeles Times, declared bankruptcy in January. I know that hundreds of papers around America are struggling to stay afloat or have drowned in the economic monsoon that has engulfed this country. What I don't know is why so many people (brace yourself, SMAD professors) cling to the romantic idea that print newspapers, because of their "legacy" in this country, will always have a place in this Internet-dominant era.

It's ignorantly blissful to believe that print newspapers will last in our lifetime. Whether we would like to admit it, print media is a dying creature, taking its last gasps of breath in an age where most people now turn to cyberspace for their information and where advertisers are turning their heads to online markets. We should all grasp this, accept and adapt to the fact in years to come (perhaps sooner than we think) newspapers we can hold in our hands will be a thing of the past, as we look to computer screens for our news.

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NOTABLE NAMES of Student Homes

By RACHEL CHEMERYNSKI | *The Breeze*

People are always giving something a name, whether it's naming their old, raggedy stuffed animal they've had since they were two, or dubbing their rundown station wagon "Saab Saget." More often than not these names have an interesting story behind them. But, what about when a house has a name? Here's a look at seven houses in the 'Burg that each has a unique name and personality.

>> Tree Haus

Senior Josh Burnette lives in the Tree Haus on Mason Street with seven other men. Tree Haus is the name the house has had for about 11 years and it has been passed down ever since.

Burnette said that Tree Haus was mostly housed leaders from Young Life, a Christian organization, and before that it was a fraternity house.

Burnette has been living in the house for three years, and said that he loves living with a close group of friends.

"The community in the house is so much fun," Burnette said. "It's like a brotherhood."

While Burnette said that each person in the house has his own personality, they all have a great time together. They have taken trips to family farms in Maryland, and six

of them ventured to Israel together.

The guys enjoy pulling pranks on the other houses around theirs, including the Nut House and the Toolbox.

"One time, we came home with packaging peanuts all over the house," Burnette said. "The Nut House had put them in toilets, sinks, everywhere."

So Burnette and the rest of his Tree Haus friends got revenge. They crushed up the peanuts and threw them all over the Nut House — in beds and toilets — making the mess nearly impossible to clean.

Burnette said that they've seen everything, from an octopus in their toilet to dead chickens.

"There's also a lot of stink-bombs involved, which are miserable," he said.



>> Bangkok

The Bangkok house lies right next to Taste of Thai on High Street. Junior John Maturo, who currently lives there said they named it after the capital of Thailand, since they are so close to the restaurant.

While it was previously called the Thai House, Maturo and his three other roommates decided to spice the name up a bit.

Maturo said the big brick house may not look like the nicest place, but he loves living there.

"We have really fun shows in the basement, with bands playing from all over the place," Maturo said.

Maturo added that the privacy as well its proximity to campus are great features.

>> Barbie Dream Mansion

As it turns out you don't have to be a plastic size "zero" to live in a Barbie house. Junior Kristin Eherenman lives in her own Barbie Dream Mansion on Paul Street with eight other women.

One of them suggested Barbie Dream Mansion as a name for their duplex-style abode because she had seen a toy house at Wal-mart with the name.

Eherenman and her eight roommates made a hot pink Barbie sign for the out-

side of their house, but it was unfortunately stolen.

"So if someone has a hot pink sign that says 'Barbie' on it, please return it," Eherenman joked.

The house has Barbie picture frames on the wall, with individual portraits of each girl living in the house. On the back porch there is a picnic table with a hot pink umbrella, which Eherenman said looks like a hula skirt.



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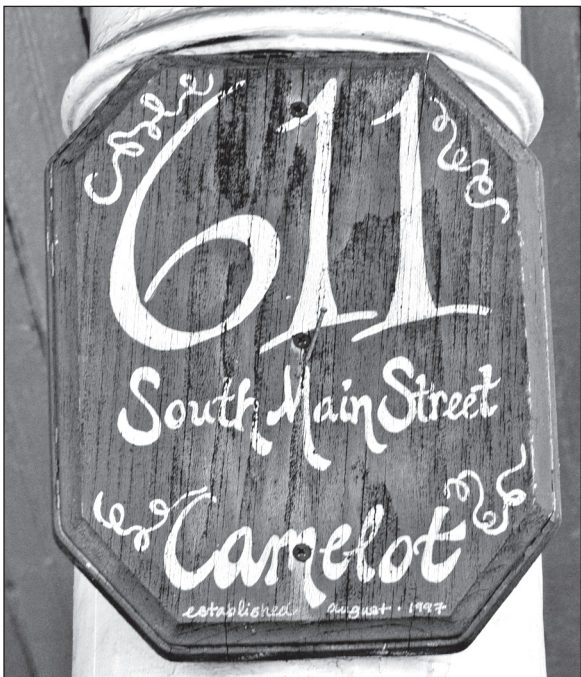
>> Camelot

Senior Amanda Phillips has been living at Camelot for two years now. According to her the house on South Main Street was named 11 years ago by the landlord's daughter and her friends.

"I'm not sure why they decided on the name Camelot," Phillips said. "But the house looks kind of like a castle so I imagine it's because of that."

And the inside has that castle feel as well.

Phillips said that because the house is so big, they are able to do so many things, from themed parties to bands playing at the house. Last week, they had the nine-person band Team Genius from where stay at the house with them.



>> Makeout Mountain

The eight men — seven juniors and one senior — who live at Makeout Mountain on Paul Street inherited the house from an older brother. They said they dubbed it Makeout Mountain as a mockery of all the other houses with crazy names.

But the name seems to have a story behind it. The guys ratted out their roommate, Joe Emswiler, saying that he "makes out the most."

Junior Carter Neal also admitted that most of his housemates are always on the lookout for a woman.

"We're single and lookin' to make our name worthwhile," Neal said.

Eight men in one house might seem rowdy and can be that way sometimes. From shooting paintball guns to making homemade stew together, the men of Makeout Mountain are always up to something.

The only senior living in the house, Bradford Bucknum (known as "dad" by the rest of the juniors) admitted that it's hard to get work done in the house most of the time.

While they do have a great brotherhood, they admit that they are also a very diverse group of young men. From Dan "The Tidy One" Good to Jay "The Prep" Amato, they each bring something different to the house.

>> Electric Psychedelic Pussycat Swingers Club

Junior Liz Swain rides her bike from her house because it's so close to campus. Swain lives with three friends on Water Street, past Memorial Hall, in the Electric Psychedelic Pussycat Swingers Club, a white farmhouse-style dwelling. The name is derived from the club name in Austin Powers.

"I'm obsessed with Austin Powers," Swain said. "So my roommates were like 'OK, sure' although no one really uses that name."

But Swain said their house still lives up to its name in some ways. "The whole house is kind of crazy," Swain said. "It's pretty psychedelic, but it doesn't have to be."



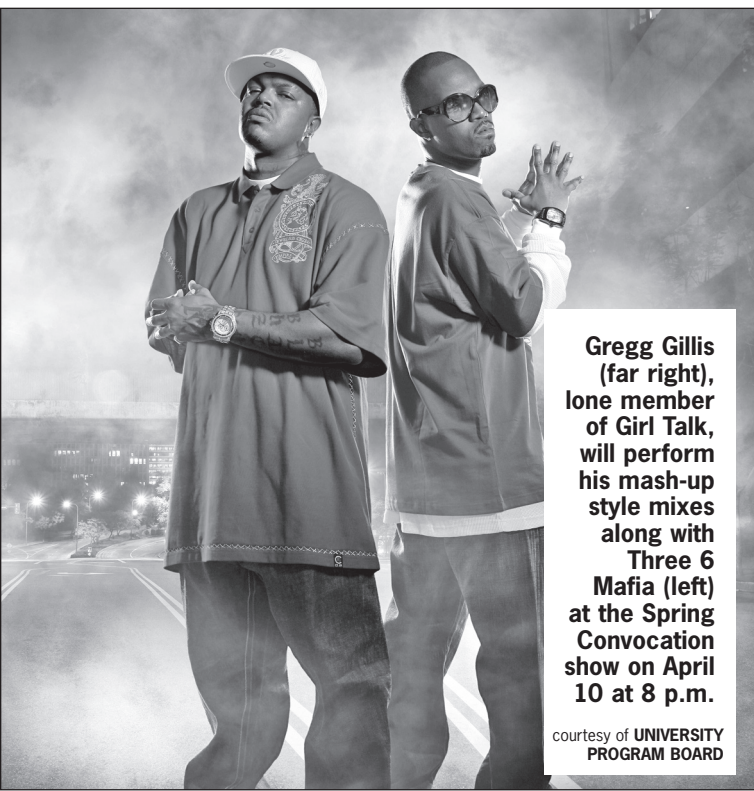
(Bangkok, Tree Haus) ALISON SANDERLIN/contributing photographer

(Camelot) HOLLY FOURNIER/The Breeze

(Electric Psychedelic Pussycat Swingers Club, Makeout Mountain, Pony Palace) EVAN MCGREW/contributing photographer

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP): The Tree Haus is located on Mason Street. The Barbie Dream Mansion is on Paul Street. The girls of Pony Palace live on Newman Avenue. On Water Street is the Electric Psychedelic Pussycat Swingers Club. The guys of Makeout Mountain are located on Paul Street. Camelot is on South Main Street. Right next to Taste of Thai on High Street is the Bangkok House.





Gregg Gillis (far right), lone member of Girl Talk, will perform his mash-up style mixes along with Three 6 Mafia (left) at the Spring Convocation show on April 10 at 8 p.m.

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Three 6 Mafia, Girl Talk at Convo

By JESS NOVAK
The Breeze

The University Program Board announced its spring concert lineup this week and will be hosting Three 6 Mafia and Girl Talk at the Convocation Center on Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m.

"Girl Talk has been creating a buzz around JMU for a long time," said Patrick White, director of Center Stage, the sub-group of UPB that brings acts to campus. "People have wanted him to come for a while and now that he's touring around Virginia at places like Virginia Tech and William & Mary, it seemed like perfect timing."

Three 6 Mafia also ranked high among students as one of the most popular acts on UPB surveys, outranking even Ne-Yo and Katy Perry.

Though other acts in consideration included Third Eye Blind, part of the

challenge UPB faces is hosting acts that can fit JMU into their own busy tour schedules at a time also fitting for students.

For those unfamiliar with Girl Talk, his unique mash-up-remixes featuring dozens of unauthorized, popular music samples, offer a catchy blend of tunes that fans of any genre can appreciate. His unusual sample selections make his combinations infinitely more interesting and engaging than many of the original tracks he creates.

The Academy-Award winning rap group Three 6 Mafia, originally from Memphis, Tenn. will also perform. Though the group has seen numerous line-up changes since they began in 1991, they have whittled themselves down to the two core members, DJ Paul and Juicy J. Despite the change of group members, Three 6 Mafia has managed to release five major-label records, the last of which, "Last 2 Walk," was released

in 2008.

Tickets for the event go on sale March 19. They are \$22 if purchased in advance by JAC Card holders, \$27 at the door. For non-JAC Card holders the price is \$27 in advance, \$32 at the door.







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First Time in a Long Time?

Seniors reflect on
what win in CAAs
would mean to them

By MATTHEW McGOVERN
The Breeze

For senior forwards Juwann James and Kyle Swanston, James Madison's first winning season since 1999-2000 has been a mixed bag. James has dominated when he's played, averaging 16.5 points per game in Colonial Athletic Association games — despite starting in just one of his 13 conference appearances. He was forced to miss 11 games with pericarditis, an inflammation of the tissue layers surrounding the heart, and started coming off the bench as a precautionary measure.

Without that rare condition, James would have been a no-brainer for first-team All-CAA. He may still make first- or second-team honors when the honors are announced tonight in Richmond, but the time he missed has lowered his chances.

As for Swanston, he has stepped up more than ever in his tenure at JMU, averaging 11.9 points per game on 41 percent shooting from 3-point range. But even for him, there was a catch.

While he started every conference game he played in, the only CAA contest he missed was JMU's senior night against Virginia Commonwealth, a 71-52 loss.

"I would have liked to play my last game at home here against VCU that night, with Juwann," Swanston said. "Things don't always work out as you plan."

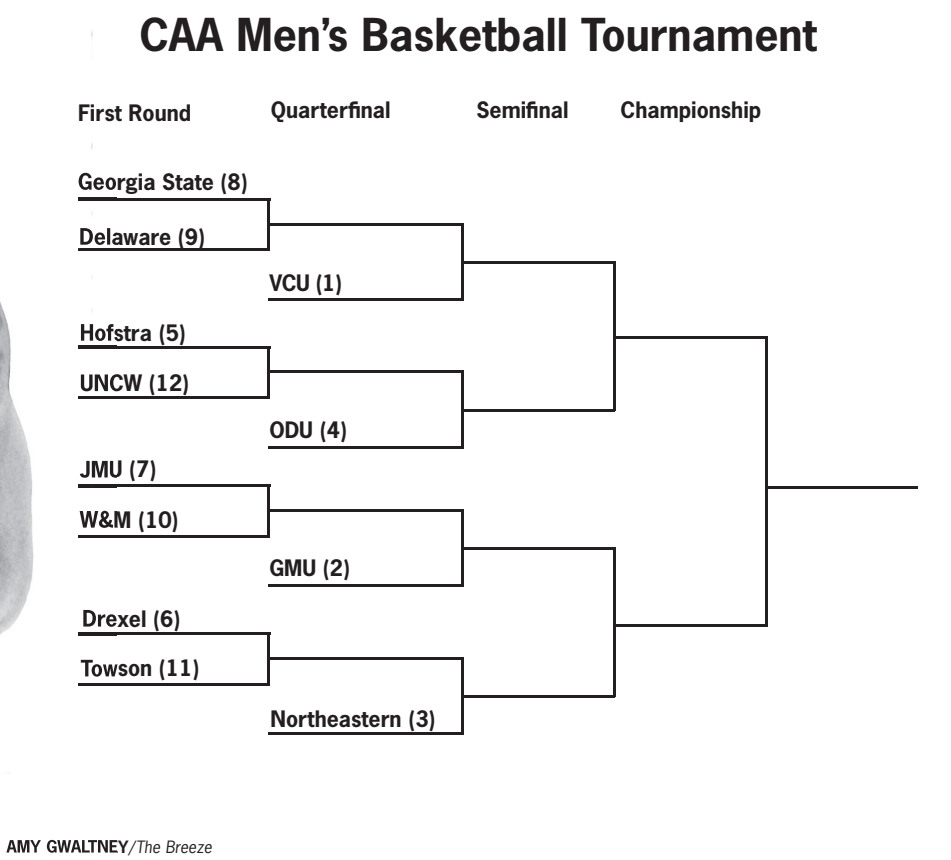
Said James: "I just wish he could have suited up out there with me. ...We've done seen this program go through so much and now we finally get a chance to go out on a winning note."

Still, the only JMU players to bear witness to all of the last four seasons are very positive as their last CAA tournament looms.

"Just to look up in the stands and see all the students here, you know, compared to my freshman year — I could count the amount of students that was in here," James said. "But now just to look up and see all the fans, I'm just real thankful for what we have done and what the other players on this team have helped us do."

Both players clearly hold respect for former JMU coach Dean Keener — who resigned last year at the conclusion of four losing campaigns — and they even attribute some of the progress JMU has shown this season to their former coach.

"I saw the growth from day one when we were here, back in the Keener era when we were



AMY GWALTNEY/The Breeze

Senior forward Juwann James (left) has seen a lot happen within the JMU basketball program since he arrived in 2005 as a freshman, and has a high opinion of current freshman Devon Moore. Of the Dukes' point guard, shown below, James said: "When I leave, he's probably going to be one of [our] leaders."

weedin' people out and just making sure we were all doing the right thing," Swanston said. "Gradually it came up to this, you know, I feel like we've made major strides as a team. We all get along now; that's a big deal from my freshman year to this year."

But they have also embraced current coach

“*We all get along now; that's a big deal from my freshman year to this year.*”
— KYLE SWANSTON
JMU senior forward

Matt Brady's scrappy, defensive philosophy, and know that their success this season has depended upon it.

In JMU's last two games, that defensive effort has slacked somewhat, leading to double-digit

losses to VCU and Delaware. James expects it to pick up, especially with the potential return of freshman point guard Devon Moore, who has missed the last three games with an injury to his left wrist.

"I don't wanna sit here and say that that's the reason why we lost those games, but he's going to be a great player in this league," James said. "When I leave, he's probably going to be one of the leaders."

Moore was evaluated Wednesday after returning from his grandmother's funeral in Ohio on Tuesday, and was cleared by doctors to play in the CAA tournament after injuring ligaments in his left wrist at Hofstra on Feb. 18.

Madison's opening-round game is Friday at 6 p.m. at the Richmond Coliseum, against William & Mary — a team JMU has beaten twice this season. If the Dukes win, they'll accomplish something their program hasn't done since the 2002-03 season.

"I really wanna go outta here knowin' that we have done something," James said. "Just to win a game, period, in the tournament, I think that would be a good thing for us."

The winner of the JMU game will face the No. 2 seed George Mason on Saturday at 6 p.m.



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Freshman point guard Devon Moore is making his return Friday against William & Mary after suffering a left wrist injury and missing three games.

Team-by-Team Breakdown

1 Virginia Commonwealth (14-4)

Virginia Commonwealth enters the CAA tournament as the No. 1 seed. The Rams finished 14-4 in the conference and 21-9 overall, including a close loss to No. 5 Oklahoma early in the season.

VCU is led by senior point guard Eric Maynor, the reigning CAA Player of the Year and likely recipient of the 2009 award tonight. Maynor averaged 22.4 points and 6.2 assists per game in the regular season.

2 George Mason (13-5)

Most JMU fans remember the Patriots coming to the Convocation Center in early February and losing to the Dukes for the first time in 11 tries. When in Fairfax, however, GMU was unstoppable. The Patriots rode an undefeated home record and 13-5 CAA mark to become the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

Sophomore guard Cam Long (11.8), along with senior guard John Vaughan (11.5) and senior forward Darryl Monroe (10.8), combined in one of the most dangerous trios in the conference.

3 Northeastern (12-6)

After winning nine of its first 10 CAA contests, Northeastern finished the regular season by losing five of its last eight. Nonetheless, a 12-6 conference record gives the Huskies the No. 3 seed in the CAA tournament and a first-round bye.

Northeastern has a key out-of-conference victory — against Big East opponent Providence, which beat Pittsburgh earlier this season when the Panthers were ranked No. 1.

4 Old Dominion (12-6)

Finishing with identical conference records, ODU deferred the No. 3 seed to Northeastern because of a lower winning percentage against the CAA's top team, VCU.

ODU is one of the hottest teams entering the conference tournament, having won five in a row and nine of 10. The Monarchs are led by junior forward Gerald Lee and his 15.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

5 Hofstra (11-7)

Hofstra swept JMU this season, winning both games by a combined four points. Their last matchup, Feb. 18 in Hempstead, N.Y., went into double overtime.

Sophomore guard and reigning CAA Rookie of the Year Charles Jenkins led the Pride with 19.2 points per game.

6 Drexel (10-8)

Drexel's 10-8 CAA record was good for sixth in the conference's final regular-season standings, but the Dragons enter the tournament having lost two straight and three of four.

Drexel was led by senior guard Scott Rodgers, who averaged 13.8 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.



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VCU senior point guard Eric Maynor is a leading candidate for CAA Player of the Year, and is the reigning award-winner. He leads the conference in points per game (22.4) and assists per game (6.2). Maynor has been projected as a late first- to early second-round NBA Draft pick.

CAA Scoring Leaders		
Eric Maynor	VCU	22.4
Charles Jenkins	HOF	19.2
Chad Tomko	UNCW	15.8
Gerald Lee	ODU	15.7
Marc Egerson	DEL	15.5
Jawan Carter	DEL	15.3
David Schneider	W&M	14.4
Matt Janning	NU	14.3
Alphonso Dawson	DEL	14.2
Johnny Wolf	UNCW	13.7

CAA Assists Leaders		
Eric Maynor	VCU	6.2
Brian Johnson	DEL	5.0
Darius James	ODU	4.7
Chad Tomko	UNCW	4.5
Joe Dukes	GSU	4.4
Troy Franklin	TOW	4.4
Charles Jenkins	HOF	4.2
Brian Morris	TOW	4.0
Cam Long	GMU	3.2
Scott Rodgers	DU	3.1
Devon Moore	JMU	3.1

CAA Rebounding Leaders		
Marc Egerson	DEL	10.4
Darryl Monroe	GMU	8.3
Larry Sanders	VCU	8.0
Junior Hairston	TOW	7.5
Evan Neisler	DREX	7.0
Samme Givens	DREX	6.8
Ben Finney	ODU	6.1
Dominique Lacy	UNCW	6.0
Jim Ledsome	DEL	5.7
Gerald Lee	ODU	5.6

7 James Madison (9-9)

Juwann James doesn't qualify for any CAA top 10 lists because he's missed more than 25 percent of his team's games, but the senior forward has helped the Dukes reach an 18-13 overall record, while going 9-9 in the conference.

JMU has dealt with as many key injuries as any team in the league this season, losing preseason second-team All-CAA senior guard Abdulai Jalloh after six games, while James missed 11 games due to pericarditis, a rare heart condition.

8 Georgia State (8-10)

After going 3-9 in its early-season, non-conference schedule, Georgia State rebounded to go 8-10 in the CAA and get the conference's No. 8 seed. The Panthers had won four straight before getting blown out by VCU 69-41 in their regular-season finale.

Junior guards Joe Dukes and Trae Goldston led the Panthers in scoring, averaging 12.2 and 11.0 points per game, respectively.

9 Delaware (6-12)

Delaware finished 6-12 in the CAA and 13-18 overall, good for the No. 9 seed in the conference tournament. Delaware's most impressive win this season came in early January, an 81-79 victory over VCU.

UD had three players finish the regular season averaging more than 14 points, including senior Marc Egerson, who also added 10.4 rebounds per game.

10 William & Mary (5-13)

William & Mary will be JMU's opponent in the first round of the CAA tournament. Madison swept the Tribe in its two meetings this season.

W&M's junior tandem of guard David Schneider and forward Danny Sumner led its offense in 2009. Schneider, the CAA's Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2008, led the Tribe with 14.4 points per game. Sumner, a Fairfax native, was second with 13.2.

11 Towson (5-13)

Towson also finished 5-13 in the CAA, but gets the No. 11 seed in the conference tournament thanks to its loss to William & Mary earlier this season.

Senior forward Junior Hairston led the Tigers in the regular season with 12.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Towson has lost four of five entering this weekend.

12 UNC Wilmington (3-15)

UNC Wilmington was the CAA's cellar-dweller in 2009, finishing 3-15 in the conference and 7-24 overall. The Seahawks have been ravaged by injuries, however, losing many of their big men early in the season.

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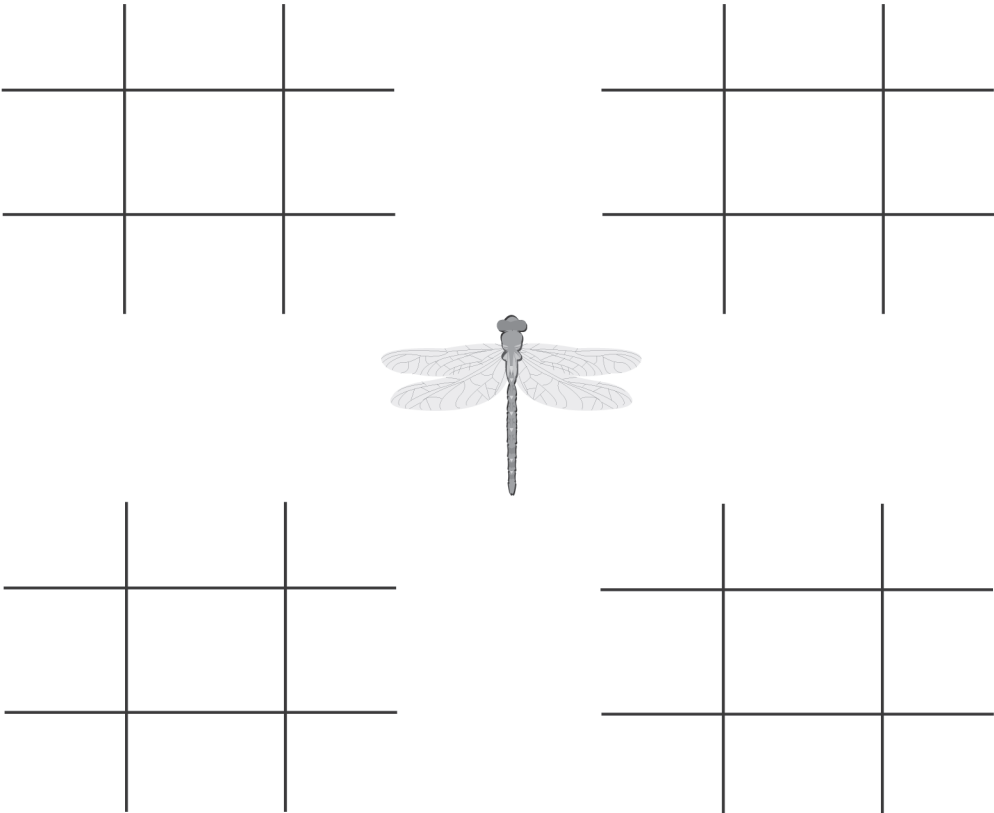
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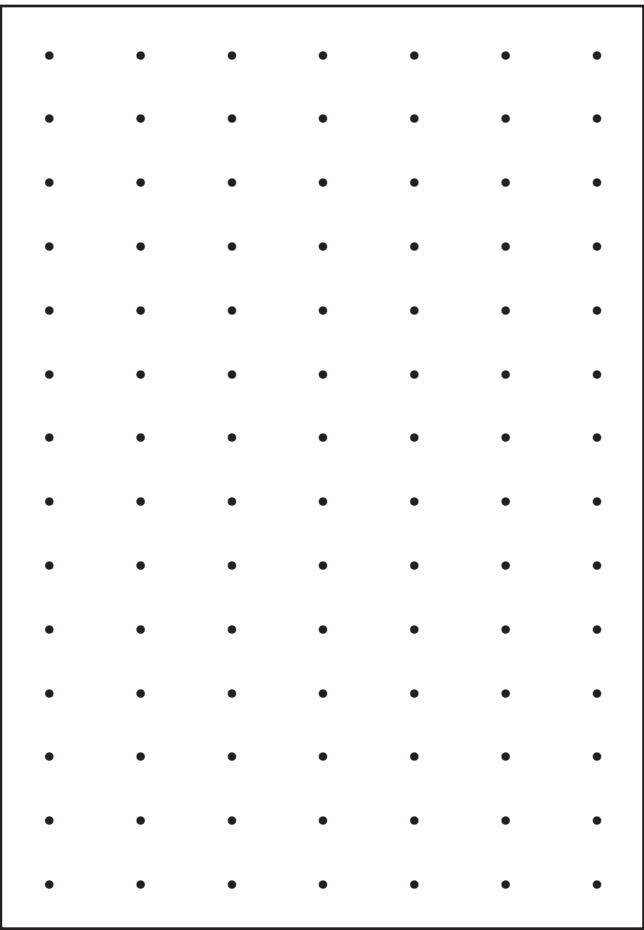
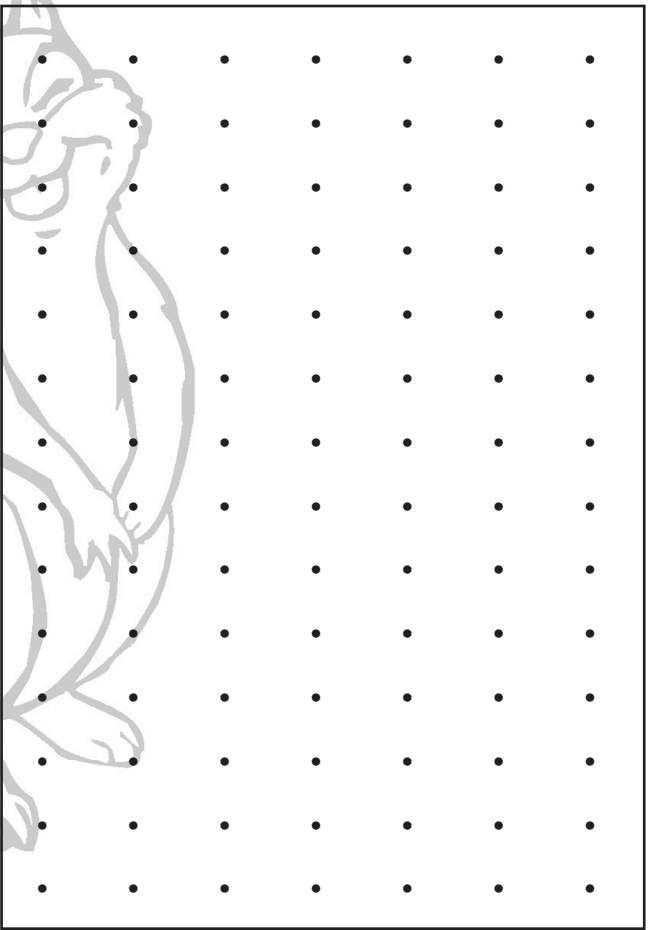
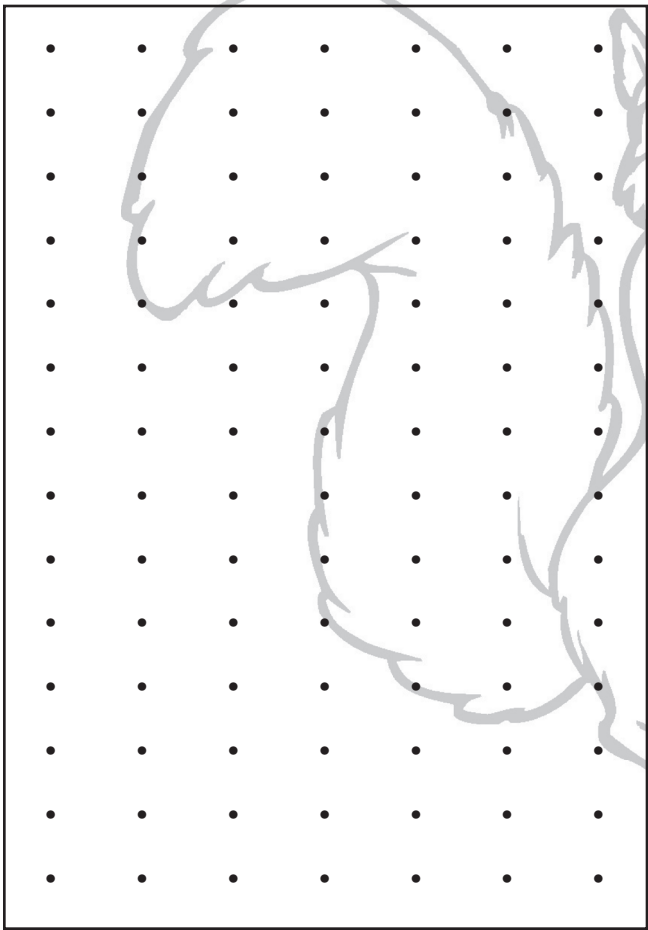
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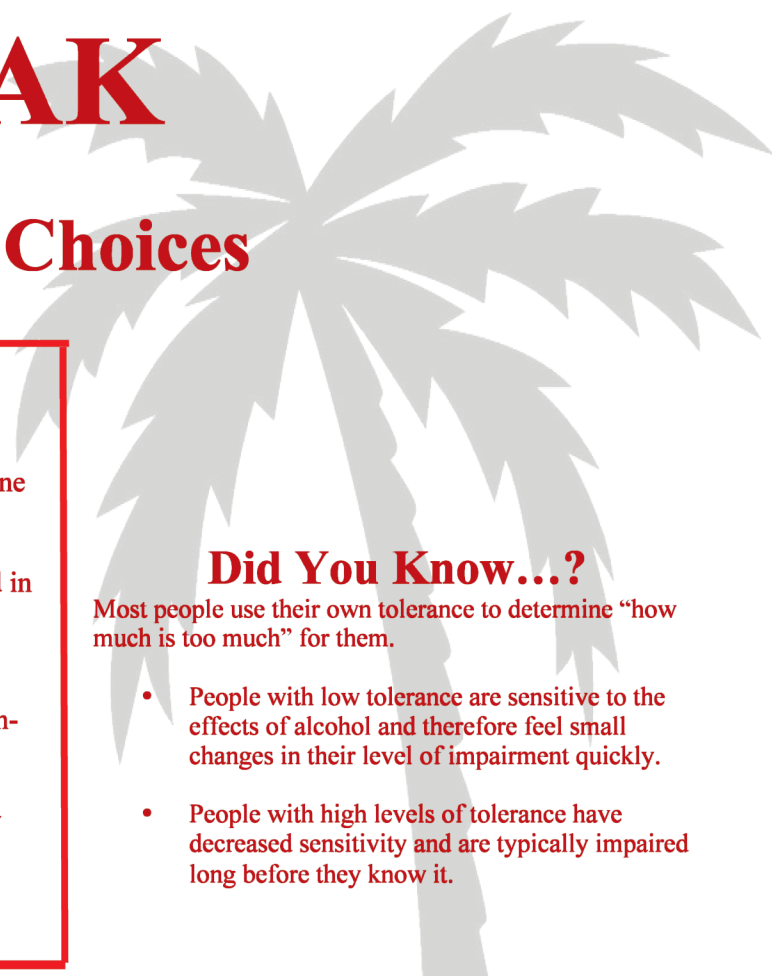
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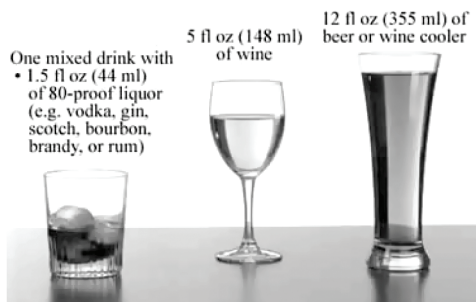


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